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PRESIDENT: Will the Clerk read where we are trying to divide the question and the Chair has ruled that the question would be divided at the "if" part of it and then I have to ask this, Senator Skarda for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SKARDA: I think that we are still talking about the point of dividing the question. Do you have any doubts about my.....

PRESIDENT: I have ruled that will divide the question.

SENATOR SKARDA: You have ruled, but we are still talking about whether we will or won't, right? We are offered that privilege I presume without your jurisdiction being complete.

PRESIDENT: That is fine, you can over rule the chair too, and...

SENATOR SKARDA: I don't want to over rule the chair but I'm just asking for something that is normal...

PRESIDENT: Is your motion now to over rule the Chair? Because I have ruled that the question can be divided according to rule....

SENATOR SKARDA: In other words we are going to vote on whether or not we are going to divide the question without any debate, right?

PRESIDENT: I think at this point because I have ruled that the question is divisible you can over rule the Chair if you find that not acceptable. But the Chair has ruled that the question is divided. I have granted Senator Stahmers request that says that any member may call for a division of a question which shall be divided if a comprehensive proposition and substance so distinct that one being taken away is substantive proposition may remain for the decision of the legislature. I have so ruled. Now, Senator Proud has asked to be recognized.

SENATOR PROUD: Well now, are we on the first part or the second part, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: We are debating the first part of this and it divides at the "if" the only divisible point that this Chair can see that it divides.

SENATOR PROUD: In other words the subject now under discussion is the first paragraph of the Carpenter Motion.

PRESIDENT: Will the Clerk please read the first half of the issue which relates only to the Governor instituting a study and it divides at the "if".

CLERK: I don't have it.

PRESIDENT: Now that the Chair has the motion, I will honor Senator Stahmer's request to divide the question and that divides the two paragraphs. I'm sorry to have mislead you. I had incorrect information and inadequate information on that particular clarification was made to you. So we are now debating and the debate has closed as far as this Chair is concerned at least on the first paragraph. Now, Senator Proud. Does that help?